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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 30th December 2006

No.10013-OLA/1-32/2006(Pt.)/PAD.—Whereas the Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Justice Shri Chira Ranjan Pal, a retired Judge of Orissa High Court, was appointed by the Notification of Government of Orissa in the Parliamentary Affairs Department No.6178/PAD., dated the 15th September 2004, published in the extraordinary issue No.1235, dated the 15th September 2004 of the *Orissa Gazette* (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification), to enquire into the alleged violation of the recruitment procedure and the illegal and unfair practice adopted in giving appointments and showing favouritism and nepotism by misuse of official position, alleged corruption committed in the purchase of computers for the Legislative Assembly and any other matter connected with or incidental thereto specified in the said Notification and report within three months from the date of its publication;

And, whereas it was felt necessary to extend the time stipulated in the said Notification for furnishing report to the State Government, upto 28th February 2005 and the time was extended upto 28th February 2005 in the Notification of the Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department, No. 8188/PAD., dated the 14th December, 2004;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal has again been entrusted to enquire into the alleged irregularities committed in installation of Attendance and Access Control System in the Orissa Legislative Assembly by the Notification of the Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department, No. 1090-OLA/1-26/2004/PAD., dated the 31st January 2005 and the time was extended upto 31st May, 2005 in the Notification of the Government of Orissa in the Parliamentary Affairs Department No.1767/PAD., dated the 1st March 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal required to examine more witnesses on the alleged irregularities regarding violation of recruitment procedure in giving appointments, purchase of computers and installation of Attendance Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly, the time was further extended upto 31st August 2005 in the Notification of the Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department No. 3747/PAD., dated the 30th May 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal required to examine more witnesses in connection with purchase of computers for Orissa Legislative Assembly and in connection with installation of Attendance and Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly, the time was extended upto 30th November 2005 in the Notification of Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department No.6049/PAD., dated the 30th August 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal required to examine 10 to 12 more witnesses in connection with installation of Attendance and Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly alongwith a series of documents exhibited during the Inquiry, the time was further extended for a period of one month upto 31st December 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal required to cross-examine the witnesses who have already been examined in Chief with reference to various documents the tenure was extended upto 28th February, 2006;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal required to witness Ex-Secretary and former Speaker, Orissa Legislative Assembly and whereas further time is required to cross-examine the witnesses by the aggrieved party the tenure was extended upto 31st May 2006;

And, whereas Hon'ble Justice C.R.Pal required to cross-examine 51 witnesses as per the list submitted by Sj. Sarat Kar, Ex-Speaker, Orissa Legislative Assembly in his petition, the tenure was extended upto 31st July 2006.

And, whereas Hon'ble Justice C.R. Pal required to cross-examine another 10 witnesses out of the list furnished by Sj. Sarat Kar, Ex-Speaker, Orissa Legislative Assembly and some other witnesses in connection with supply of computers and installation of Attendance and Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly, the tenure was extended upto 30th September 2006;

And, whereas Hon'ble Justice C. R. Pal has required to cross-examine 7 more witnesses with reference to several files and take few more days to hear the argument to prepare the report the tenure was extended upto 30th November 2006.

And, whereas the Commission has required to examine another 11 nos. of witnesses as per the list furnished by Shri Sarat Kumar Kar, Ex-Speaker, Orissa Legislative Assembly in his defence, the tenure was extended upto 31st December 2006.

And, whereas the Commission has required to examine two more witnesses out of the list furnished by Shri Sarat Kumar Kar, Ex-Speaker, O.L.A. and some other witnesses for which summons have already been issued, besides, it is required considerable time for preparation of report.

And, where as the Commission has required one month more time to conclude the enquiry, it is felt necessary to extend the time stipulated in the said Notification to the State Government for a further period of one month i.e. upto 31st January 2007.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 read with sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952(60 of 1952), the State Government do hereby make the following amendment to the said Notification, namely:—

AMENDMENT

In the said Notification for the words “Twenty seven and half months” appearing in the consequential portion, the words “Twenty eight and half months” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor

NITEN CHANDRA

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government